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LESLIE LAVERNE ALEXANDER

CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-1325

VERSUS

JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES

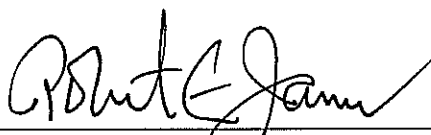
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,
COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

MAG. JUDGE KAREN L. HAYES

RULING

Before the Court is Plaintiff Leslie Laverne Alexander's petition for review of the Commissioner's denial of social security benefits. On April 2, 2009, Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes issued a Report and Recommendation [Doc. No. 17], recommending that the petition be dismissed with prejudice for failure to comply with the Court's orders and, in the alternative, that the decision of the Commissioner be affirmed. The Court ADOPTS the recommendation to affirm the decision of the Commissioner, but DECLINES TO ADOPT the alternative recommendation to dismiss the petition for failure to comply with the Court's orders.

MONROE, LOUISIANA, this 24 day of April, 2009.



ROBERT G. JAMES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE